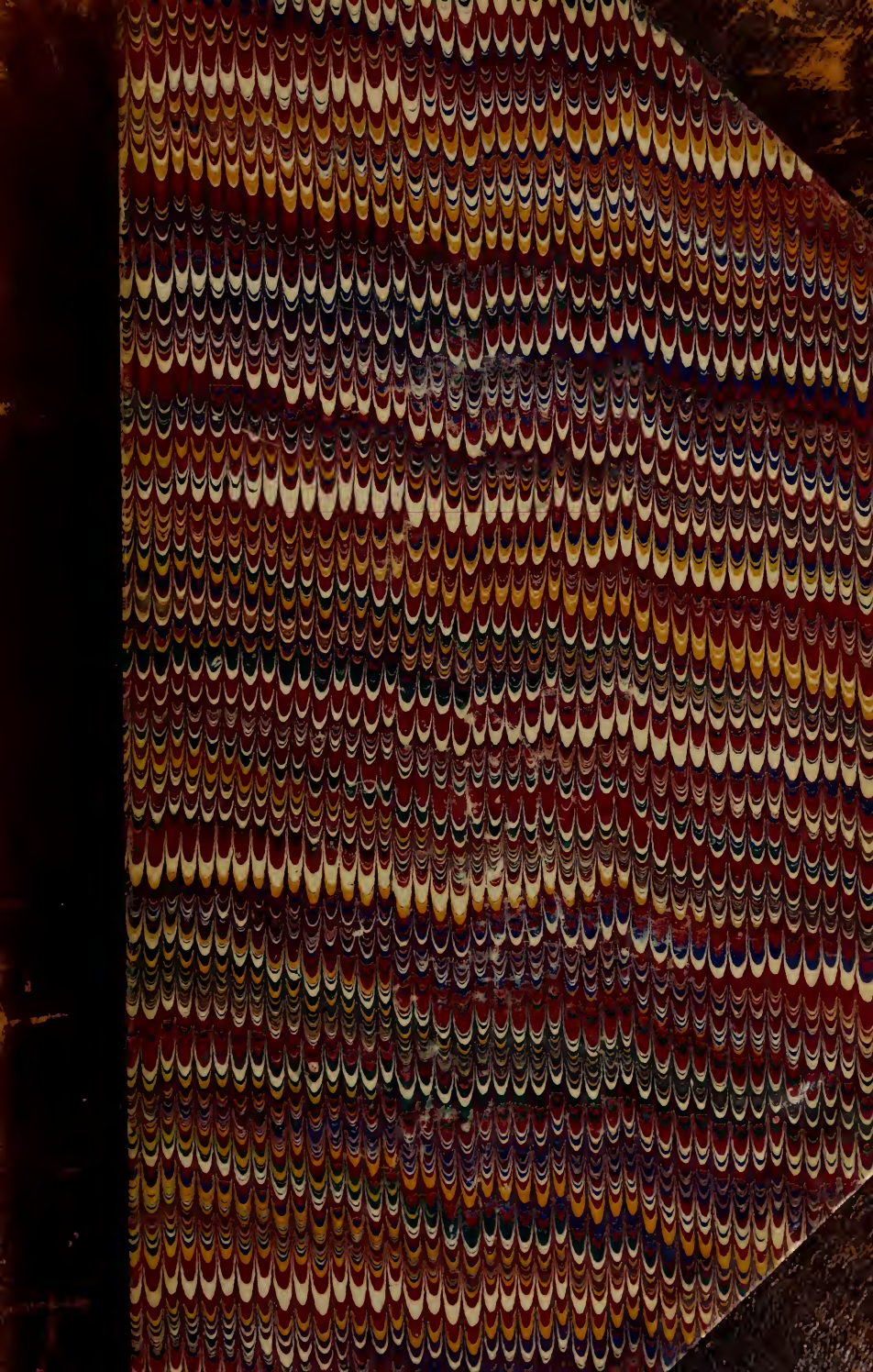
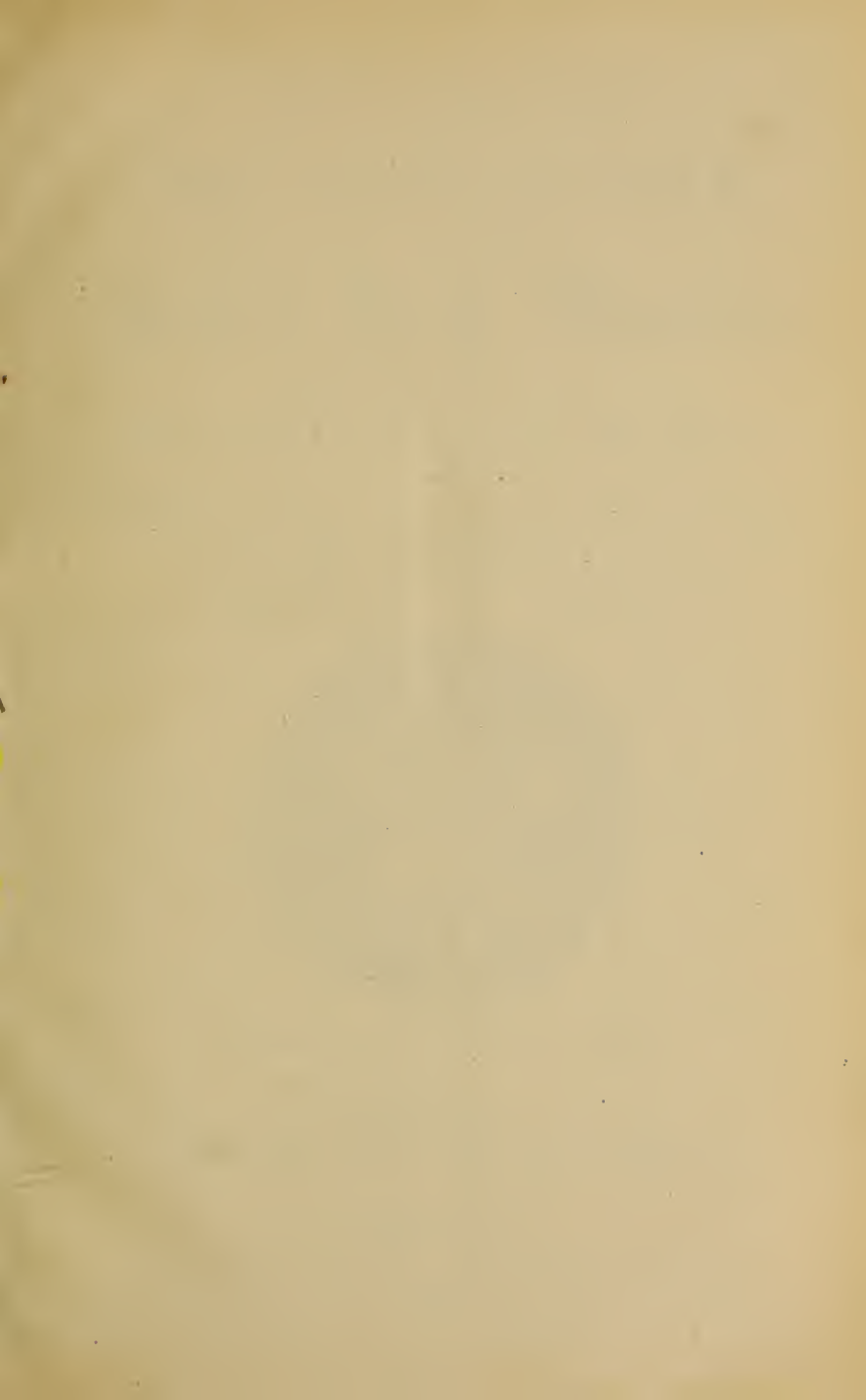








PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF
Royal Arch Masons of Canada,
AT THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,
HELD
AT THE CITY OF QUEBEC, ON THE SECOND TUESDAY,
THE 9th DAY OF AUGUST, A.L., 5864, A.D., 1864.



Ordered to be read in all the Chapters and preserved.

ADDRESS:

THOMAS DOUGLAS HARRINGTON, QUEBEC, GRAND Z.
THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, GRAND SCRIBE E.

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PROCEEDINGS.

At the Seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, at the City of Quebec, on the second Tuesday, the 9th day of August, A.L., 5864, A.D., 1864.

PRESENT.

M.E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	Richard Pope,	as " H.	
" " "	Chas. D. Macdonnell,	as " J.	

On the Throne.

" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	Grand Scribe E.
" " "	Henry Dumble,	as " " N.
" " "	Alex. Duncan,	as " Prin'l Sojourner.
" " "	Wm. G. Parmelee,	as " Treasurer.
" " "	Denis Gale,	as " 1st As't Sojourner
" " "	Arunah Huntington,	as " 2nd "
" " "	Thos. Milton,	as " Dir. of Ceremon.
" " "	Wm. Wilkinson,	" Janitor.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour Hamilton District.
" " Richard Pope, Quebec "

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in **Ample** form at one o'clock, P.M.

The Grand Scribe E. having examined the Register, reported the following Representatives of regularly Warranted Chapters, present, and entitled to take part in the business of Grand Chapter, viz:—

- No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC, KINGSTON.
R. E. Comp. Charles D. Macdonnell, Z.
- No. 2. THE HIRAM, HAMILTON.
R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, P. Z. and proxy.
- No. 6. ST. JOHN'S, HAMILTON.
R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, P. Z. and proxy.
- No. 12. CATARAQUI, KINGSTON.
E. Comp. Henry Dumble, Z.
- No. 13. STADACONA, QUEBEC.
V. E. Comp. Alexander Duncan, Z.
 " " George Smith, H.
 " " Chas. Joncas, Junr., J.
M. " " T. Douglas Harington, G.Z.
R. " " R. Pope, P.Z.
 " " A. McCullum, P.H.
- No. 17. DORCHESTER, WATERLOO.
E. Comp. Wm. G. Parmelee, J.
- No. 18. OXFORD, WOODSTOCK.
R. E. Comp. James Seymour, (proxy.)
- No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH, ST. CATHARINES.
R. E. Comp. James Seymour, P. Z. and Proxy.
- No. 20. MOUNT HOREB, BRANTFORD.
V. E. Comp. Arunah Huntington, Z.
- No. 24. TECUMSEH, STRATFORD.
R. E. Comp. Thos. B. Harris, (proxy.)
- No. 25. MOUNT HOREB, MONTREAL.
E. Comp. Thomas Milton, Z.
 " " W. N. Dow, H.

On motion, the report of the Grand Scribe E. on Representatives, was received and adopted.

A number of visiting Companions being in attendance, the M. E. Z. granted permission for their admittance.

The Grand Scribe E. read the rules and regulations for the government of the Grand Chapter during public business.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. Richard Pope, seconded by V.E. Comp. Alexander Duncan, and resolved—

That inasmuch as the proceedings of the Regular Convocation of Grand Chapter, held at the city of Toronto, on the 11th day of August, A. D., 1863, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to the subordinate Chapters, the minutes be considered as read, and the same confirmed.

The M. E. Z. read the following address to the assembled Companions :

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

COMPANIONS :

For the first time since the Craft of Canada has been established in its present independent and honorable position in the Masonic world, one of its Sovereign Bodies meets in this most interesting, historical, and hospitable City of Quebec, and I am well pleased to be the Presiding Officer to proclaim a welcome to each and every Companion now visiting it, and express the hope that the visit may result in pleasure and satisfaction, and that gratifying reminiscences may arise in after times when it happens to be talked over.

We are now assembled to hold our Seventh Annual Convocation, and especially are we bound, as recipients of God's bounty and mercy, to take this opportunity of acknowledging our deep debt of gratitude, and offer our earnest thanks to Him for our

prosperous condition, for sparing us to meet again together, and for the many blessings he has been pleased to confer upon us.

I must ask your indulgence for my present address. I still feel the effects of illness, chiefly brought on by excessive heat, and much Masonic labor, gone through at the recent meeting of Grand Lodge at Hamilton, and in consequence I am unable, as I had intended, to enter fully into various subjects of interest appertaining to capitular Freemasonry, and which I wished to make mention of. I must, therefore, leave to your united counsel the inauguration of such matters, as may be deemed beneficial to the Royal Craft.

The principal recommendation I feel it to be my duty to offer is the revision of the Constitution. My worthy Predecessor strongly urged this at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter. A Committee for this special purpose should be appointed, unless you think proper to leave it to your Principals. In either case a report should be prepared, embodying a more perfect and extended code of Laws, not dependent upon Craft Masonry as they are now; such report to be sent for consideration to each subordinate chapter, at least three months before the Annual Convocation in 1865, and be then submitted, with all other suggested alterations, for final adoption.

Our Subordinate Chapters are, I have reason to believe, working harmoniously and successfully, but the reports of the several Grand Superintendents will give full information on this head. I have to report one additional Chapter, viz; *The Mount Horeb*, held at Montreal. The petition came from certain Companions belonging to the "Victoria" R. A. Chapter, on the Registry of England, and was accompanied by a formal surrender of their English Warrant. Under the circumstances, and after consulting the Grand Superintendent of the Montreal District, I looked upon it in the light of affiliation, and ordered a Canadian Warrant to be issued instead, free of fee except for registration, which action I request Grand Chapter to confirm.

Our relations with Sister Bodies are of a most amicable

nature, and their proceedings are duly received by the Grand Scribe, E. A report on foreign correspondence is desirable, for which a special Committee should be nominated.

It is my duty to submit a letter received from the Grand Chapter of Ireland, relating to one of her subordinates, No. 209, holden at London, C. W., and the delivering up of some property said to be improperly retained by one of our Chapters. This should receive early attention, and be fairly and justly arranged.

I have granted several Dispensations during the year, sanctioning special elections of Principals, and thereby enabling the Chapters interested to continue their labors. It is extremely difficult, under the existing restrictive law, to avoid having recourse to the dispensing power.

Your Treasurer and Grand Scribe E, will report on the financial condition of the subordinate Chapters, and the general state of Grand Chapter funds. The latter were so far improved as to enable me to order the payment of a portion of the sum due to that very able and indefatigable officer, R. E. Comp., T. B. Harris.

Last year my predecessor took loyal notice of the auspicious marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales. It is my pleasing privilege to make mention of the birth of a Prince, the first fruit of that union, and an event which has given comfort to our widowed Sovereign, diffused joy throughout the British Empire, and to the well known loyalty of the craft been a welcome source of congratulation. May the illustrious parents, the hope and pride of the nation, have continually increasing happiness, and may God save and bless the Queen.

The miserable civil war still exists in the neighboring States causing ruin and grief throughout the land; but Freemasonry, though it cannot prevent, has there proved its beneficent power to mitigate suffering and distress; and our order will ever be found side by side with mercy and humanity, provided its numerous members are only true to its attributes and themselves. Peace reigns within our borders, for which we should be deeply

grateful to the Most High. May He continue to regard favorably our common country, one destined, it would clearly seem, to a brilliant future, and may His Blessing be and remain upon us and all belonging to us, and our present proceedings.

—*So mote it be.*

T. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,

Grand Z. of Canada.

QUEBEC, 9th August, 1864.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. Richard Pope, seconded by E. Comp. Henry Dumble, and resolved—

That the address of the M. E. Z. be referred to the following Special Committee, viz:—R. E. Comps. R. Pope, James Seymour and C. D. Macdonnell, and to report thereon at the earliest possible hour.

R. E. Comp. Richard Pope, Grand Superintendent for the Quebec District, read the following

REPORT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

Agreeably to constitutional requirements I have the honor to submit my fourth annual report of the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the District of Quebec.

On my own behalf as well as on that of “Stadacona” Chapter, No. 13, R. C. I beg to tender to the Most Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter, a most hearty and cordial welcome on the occasion of this first convocation of Grand Chapter in the city of Quebec, and to express our hope and conviction that the most beneficial results may accrue to Royal Arch Masonry in this District, from the presence and moral influence of so important and august a body in our midst. We beg to extend to you, one and all, the true hand of fellowship, in the sincere feeling and bonds of the order.

I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the continued progress and prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in this District.

The success and healthful growth of "Stadacona" Chapter, of which I had occasion to speak in my last Annual Report, continues I am happy to say, without interruption; a large number of members have been added to the list of Companions within the past year, and under the able management of 1st Principal Companion Duncan, and the other officers, ably assisted in this respect by the unwearied zeal and untiring efforts of R. Excellent Companion Denis Gale, Past 1st Principal, the greatest contentment and harmony prevail among the members of this prosperous Chapter, which affords every indication of a bright career of unchequered advancement and prosperity. Nor can I close my Report without taking advantage of the present occasion to express the deep debt of obligation which this Chapter and myself owe to the kind condescension and readiness with which at all times the Most Excellent 1st Principal Companion Harington, lent us the assistance of his valuable services and hearty co-operation, to which circumstance, indeed, not a little of the prosperity and welfare of this Chapter are due; and for which on behalf of the Chapter, as well as in my own name, I gladly avail myself of this opportunity thus publicly to thank him.

Again expressing a hearty welcome to the Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter.

I remain, &c.,

R. POPE.

Grand Superintendent, Quebec District.

QUEBEC, 9th August, 1864.

The Grand Scribe E. read the report of the Grand Superintendent for the Montreal District:

REPORT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council and Companions of the
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.*

In the month of September, 1863, a number of Companions, then members of "Victoria" Royal Arch Chapter of this City, under the Registry of England, forwarded an application to the Most Excellent Grand Z of Canada, for a Dispensation to open a new Chapter here, under the name of "St. Lawrence" Royal Arch Chapter. Previous to that time, there was in existence, in Montreal, only one Chapter under Canadian jurisdiction, viz:—the "Carnarvon," No. 21. The most Excellent Grand Z, in issuing the Dispensation referred to, was pleased to appoint me to the office of Grand Superintendent for the District of Montreal.

Shortly before I received my Commission, and the Dispensation for the new Chapter, it was brought to my knowledge, that a disposition existed among the remaining members of "Victoria" Chapter to give up their Warrant, and take one instead from the Grand Chapter of Canada, an arrangement, which I am happy to say, was ultimately carried out in a spirit of harmony and fraternal good-feeling, highly creditable to the Companions of that Chapter. Later in the year, the old Warrant was surrendered to me, for transmission to England, together with an application for a new Warrant under Canada. I forwarded the Warrant, and the documents connected with it, to the Most Excellent the Grand Z., who was pleased to comply with the request of the Companions, and to grant a Warrant authorizing the formation of a new Chapter, under the name of the "Mount Horeb" R. A. Chapter, No. 25, and I had the pleasure of constituting the Chapter, and installing the Charter Officers, at the regular Convocation in January, 1864. In April, a new election took place, and I had also the pleasure of installing the officers elect, at the next regular convocation.

The Chapter is now in a flourishing condition, and may be expected to receive large accessions to its membership.

Carnarvon Chapter, No. 21, has prospered greatly during the year, and its prospects for usefulness are exceedingly bright. It has now a membership of about forty, and in every respect, it may be said to be in an excellent position.

These Chapters are the only two in the District, working under the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The "St. Paul's" Royal Arch Chapter attached to the "St. Paul's" Lodge Montreal, continues its work under the jurisdiction of England. A considerable number of the members of that Chapter, have taken the intermediate degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master, in the Carnarvon Chapter, C. R., and I have now to call the earnest attention of the Grand Chapter to the necessity of providing them with proper Certificates in order to enable them to visit Mark Lodges in England, and the Royal Arch Chapters in the United States.

I regret exceedingly that a severe attack of illness will prevent my being present at this Convocation of Grand Chapter, and I therefore take this opportunity of expressing the deep obligations under which I am laid to the Most Excellent Grand Z., for the kindness he has always manifested towards me, in the discharge of my duty, and for the promptitude displayed by him in affording the fullest information, on any point referred for his opinion or advice. I have also to express my acknowledgement to R. E. Companion H. Luke Robinson, of Waterloo, and to R. E. Companion George T. Morehouse, of "St. John's," for the valuable services they have at various times rendered the Companions of this District.

The whole most respectfully submitted.

ALEX. A. STEVENSON,

*Grand Superintendent
for the Montreal District.*

Eastern Townships District :

REPORT.

WATERLOO, C. E., 6th August, 1864.

To R. E. Comp. THOS. B. HARRIS,

Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter of Canada.

DEAR SIR AND R. E. COMPANION,—

I have the honor to submit to you for the information of the the Grand Chapter, the following brief report of Royal Arch Masonry in the Eastern Townships District.

The number of Chapters under my jurisdiction continues nominally three, viz : “Golden Rule,” at Stanstead ; “Bedford District,” at Dunham ; and “Dorchester,” at Waterloo ; “Golden Rule” has added largely to its numbers during the past year. It has not yet adopted the recognized ritual of this Grand Chapter, but works correctly, I believe, according to that of the United States.

“Bedford District,” has never yet conferred the Royal Arch Degree, nor has it met for more than two years, it has therefore rendered itself subject to erasure, and it becomes my duty to recommend that it should be done. I regret it much, for it possesses much abundant material for a good working Chapter, and its connection with “Prevost” Lodge, and its nearness to “Stanbridge” and “Nelson” Lodges, ought to make it the most prosperous Chapter in the District ; “Dorchester,” over which I have the honor to preside, continues to add slowly, but steadily to its numbers, and I am happy to say, that its members manifest much interest in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry.

In Septembér last, I had the honor, for the third time, of installing the Officers of Carnarvon Chapter, Montreal.

Since then, there has been a Grand Superintendent appointed

for that District, and I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to his, of the great prosperity, and proper working of that Chapter.

I have the honor to be, Dear Sir, and
Right Excellent Companion,
Yours fraternally,

H. L. ROBINSON.

Grand Superintendent, Eastern Townships District.

Wilson District:

R E P O R T.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Council and Companions of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in Annual Convocation
Assembled :*

In compliance with the regulations of Grand Chapter, I beg to submit a brief report as Grand Superintendent of the "Wilson District."

The Wilson District contains but three Chapters, viz: The "Oxford," at Woodstock, "Mount Horeb," at Brantford, and the "Ezra," at Simcoe. The "Oxford" and "Mount Horeb" Chapters are progressing steadily, receiving moderate accessions to their numbers, and dispensing light in the most approved form, their work being done in strict accordance with the Ritual of Grand Chapter. The "Ezra" Chapter, I am sorry to say, has done no work during the past year, owing to peculiar unavoidable circumstances in which its Principal was placed. These are now overcome, and work will be resumed; and from the high Masonic standing of the Companions connected therewith, I am satisfied its prosperity will become permanently established.

In a District containing so few Chapters as the "Wilson," and those presided over by Companions of large experience and intelligence, there seldom arises anything requiring the interference of a Grand Officer, therefore the labors of a Grand Superintendent in the Wilson District have been light, and in

reporting the state of the Royal Craft, I feel that it might be comprehended in the brief and significant term, and perhaps the most acceptable to Grand Chapter, "All is Well."

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

D. CURTIS,
G. S., Wilson District.

R. E. Comp. James Seymour, Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, submitted and read the following

R E P O R T .

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers, and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

In accordance with the constitutional requirements of Grand Chapter, I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Hamilton District, over which I have had the honor to preside during the past year.

There are three Chapters in the District, all of which are progressing satisfactorily under the charge of zealous, well-skilled officers. "The Hiram" Chapter No. 2, Hamilton, (the oldest but one in the Province) is ably and efficiently presided over by V.E. Comp. James M. Rogerson. "St. John's," No. 6, of the same city, is equally fortunate in having at its head V. E. Comp. T. McCracken; and "Mount Moriah," No. 19, St. Catharines, is not less so in E. Comp. C. P. Camp. Each Chapter is well attended at Regular and Emergent Convocations, thus showing that the Companions are not unmindful of their duty in this respect. The work proceeds regularly and is well done.—The instruction imparted to each candidate being impressively delivered, and in accordance with the Ritual of this Grand Chapter; and all the material submitted for the building of our sacred temple is well-tried before use, and proved to be true and trusty. There have been periods when the number of applicants for admission within our portals has surpassed the present one; but never has the quality of those accepted been excelled, which speaks well for the care exercised in judiciously selecting none but the best. Let this circumspection continue, and the result

will amply repay each Chapter, in the superior quality and other essentials to a good, active, working membership, that may in consequence be relied on.

Owing to ill health, I have not been able to visit the Hamilton Chapters as frequently as I would desire; but where the true spirit of the Royal Craft is so admirably inculcated by officers and observed by the Companions, official visits from the Grand Superintendent are not absolutely necessary, unless for the purpose of cementing together those fraternal ties which occasional comingling is so well calculated to foster and strengthen. My own Chapter, however, I have visited regularly; and in noticing its prosperity, I feel it a pleasurable duty to bear testimony to the zeal which has influenced its officers in working and managing its affairs. Its minutes are accurately kept; records carefully preserved; finances well husbanded; and returns to Grand Chapter promptly forwarded.

The healthy vigor pervading Capitular Masonry in this District may lead to the establishment of one or more additional Chapters during the coming year. Indeed, several Companions at Grimsby are desirous of organising one at an early day; and should it appear that sufficient material can be relied on to justify the Companions in their laudable aspirations, I would cheerfully recommend their claims to favorable consideration.

I regret to add, that during the year several worthy Companions have been called to the Grand Chapter above; but I can only give the name of one—not having been furnished with those of the others—Comp. A. W. HENDERSON, of Mount Moriah Chapter, who died December 9, 1863. A pattern of Masonic vigilance and integrity, ever ready to relieve the distressed, and universally esteemed for his many excellent qualities as a man and Mason. His memory will ever be held dear by his Companions, who sincerely sympathise with his bereaved widow and children in the irreparable loss they have suffered.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES SEYMOUR,
G. Supt., Hamilton District.

It was moved by E. Comp. H. Dumble, seconded by R. E. Comp. R. Pope, and resolved—

That the reports from the various Grand Superintendents be received and referred to the following Special Committee for consideration, and to report thereon at an early hour, viz:—E. Comp. Denis Gale, and R. E. Comp. Charles D. Macdonnell.

The M. E. Z. was pleased to appoint E. Companions C. Joncas, A. McCallum and Alex. Duncan, a Special Committee on Audit and Finance.

The Grand Scribe E. submitted and read his annual statements, as also the Grand Treasurer's, which were, on motion, received and referred to the Special Committee on Audit and Finance.



BALANCES IN LEDGER,

AUGUST, 1864.

	NAME OF CHAPTER.	DATE OF LAST RETURNS.	Dr.	Cr.
No. 1	Ancient Frontenac.....	31st January, 1863.. . .	20 80	
2	The Hiram.....	" " 1864.....	6 00	
3	Warrant Surrendered . . .			
4	St. Andrew's.....	" " 1863.. . .	23 40	
5	St. George's.....	" " 1864.....		
6	St. John's.....	" " "		
7	Moirs.....	" " "	3 00	
8	King Solomon's.....	" " "	89 40	
9	Golden Rule.. . . .	" " "	14 20	
10	Warrant Surrendered . . .			
11	Wilson	Not working.....	10 00	
12	Cataraqui.....	31st January, 1864.. . .		
13	Stadacona.. . . .	" " 1863.....		
14	Bedford District.....	Never made any, returns..	8 00	
15	Wawanosh.....	31st January, 1864.....	10 75	
16	Carleton.....	" " "		
17	Dorchester.....	" " "		2 00
18	Oxford.....	" " "		.
19	Mount Moriah.....	" " "		
20	Mount Horeb.....	" " "	2 40	
21	Carnarvon.....	" " 1863.....		5 00
22	Grenville.....	21st February, 1862.....	24 00	
23	Ezra	1st July, 1862.....	10 00	
24	Tecumseh.....	1st May, 1864.....	3 00	
25	Mount Horeb.....			40 00
			\$224 49	\$47 00

The Grand Scribe E. read a letter from Grand Chapter of Ireland on the subject of some records, &c., claimed to belong to Chapter 209, I. R., London.

It was moved by E. Comp. Denis Gale, seconded by V. E. Comp. Alexander Duncan, and resolved—

That the letter from the Grand Chapter of Ireland be referred to the M. E. Z. for the purpose of the complaint being enquired into, and its final adjustment.

A letter was read from the G. S. E., of the Supreme

Grand Chapter of Scotland, on the subject of the resignation of R. E. Comp. Wm. Hay, its Representative at the Grand Chapter of Canada, and desiring this Grand Chapter would forward the names of other Companions from which to make selection and appointment to that office.

It was moved by E. Comp. H. Dumble, seconded by V. E. Comp. A. Duncan, and resolved—

That the consideration of matters contained in the letter from the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, be referred to the M. E. Z.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. H. Pope, seconded by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, and resolved—

That the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter be held at Prescott.

The Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of the elective Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year, with the following result :

M. E. Comp. T. Douglas Harington, re-elected,		
	Grand Z.	
R. " " Alexander A. Stevenson,	Grand H.	} Grand Council.
" " " Charles D. Macdonnell, " J.		
" " " Thos. Bird Harris, re-elected,	Grand Scribe E.	
" " " Denis Gale,	" N.	
" " " Marcellus Crombie,	" P'l Soj'r.	
" " " Thomas McCracken,	" Treasurer.	
" " " Henry Dumble,	" Registrar.	
By an open vote the Janitor		
of Grenville Chapter,	" Janitor.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

Nominated by the Representatives of the Chapters of their respective districts, and approved by the M. E. Z.

R. E. Comp. Charles Kahn,	London	District.
" " " David Curtis,	Wilson	"

R. E. Comp.	James Seymour,	Hamilton	District.
" " "	_____	Toronto	"
" " "	E. J. Barker,	Central	"
" " "	Thomas Milton,	Montreal	"
" " "	H. L. Robinson,	East'n Townsp's	"
" " "	Richard Pope,	Quebec	"

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7.30 o'clock, p.m.

The Grand Chapter resumed its sittings at 8 o'clock, p.m.

The Grand Principals, as before,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers and Representatives.

The Special Committee on Audit and Finance, to whom was referred the statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Most Excellent Council.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance having examined the books, accounts, and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E., and Grand Treasurer, beg leave to report, that the same are found to be correct.

Your Committee have had laid before them the following accounts, which they have examined, and recommend that the same be paid, viz ;

Gillespy's account for printing proceedings, &c.,	\$60 50
Ellis's account for Blank Certificates,	60 00
Richardson for Regalia,	43 46

Total \$163 96

Your Committee find that there has been received during the year on account of Grand Chapter the sum of \$360 60, which with the balance in the Grand Treasurer's hand of \$77 09, making a total of \$437 69, and that the disbursements for the same period

of time, have been \$417 95, leaving a balance in Grand Treasurer's hands of \$19 74.

Your Committee regret to observe that two Chapters have not made returns to Grand Chapter since 1862, that four have not made returns since January 1863, and they further regret to see, that the "Bedford District" Chapter has made no returns since 1859, the date of its formation; your Committee would therefore recommend that the Grand Scribe E, be instructed to address a communication to the last-named Chapter, requiring its returns to be immediately made up and forwarded to him within six months, failing to do so within that time, that the officers of the Chapter be summoned to appear at the next annual convocation of this Grand Chapter, to show cause why their Warrant should not be cancelled and its number erased from the registry of the Grand Chapter.

Your Committee also find that in the aggregate the amount owing by the various Chapters to be \$224 95, and would respectfully recommend that the Grand Scribe E, use his best endeavours to collect the above amount.

All of which is most respectfully submitted

CHAS. JONCAS.

A. McCALLUM.

ALEX. DUNCAN.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by V. E. Comp. A. Duncan, and resolved—

That the report of the Special Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the consideration of matters contained in the reports of Grand Superintendents, submitted the following

R E P O R T .

*To the Most Excellent Council and Companions
of the G.R.A. Chapter of Canada.*

Your Committee to whom was referred the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, beg leave to state:

That the first report before them is that from the Grand

Superintendent of the Hamilton District, from the purport of which we learn with great satisfaction and much pleasure the flourishing position of Chapters in this district, numbering at present, three, with every probability of a fourth going into operation immediately. This augurs favorably, and is flattering alike to the presiding officers of their several Chapters, as well as to their Grand Superintendent for their careful and judicious management.

By the report of the Grand Superintendent for the Montreal District, we note with pleasure the healthy and prosperous state of the Royal Craft in this district. It is highly satisfactory to mark the kindly relations between "Caernarvon" Chapter, under Canada, and "St. Paul's" Chapter, under England. May these amicable feelings long prevail. In reference to the proper certificates for the Companions of "St. Paul's" Chapter joining "Caernarvon" Chapter, enabling them to visit Mark Lodges in England, and Royal Arch Chapters in the United States, your Committee are given to understand that these measures will be cared for under another head.

Next under consideration is the report of the Grand Superintendent for the Eastern Townships District. While we learn with pleasure the prosperity of "Golden Rule" and "Dorchester" Chapters, we deeply regret the non-advancement of "Bedford District" Chapter; and, if deemed desirable by the M. E. Z., would join with the Grand Superintendent in recommending its erasure from the Grand Chapter roll. Your Committee would respectfully suggest, in regard to "Golden Rule" Chapter, that they adopt the recognized ritual of this Grand Chapter in their working as soon as possible, since a uniformity of work in our subordinate Chapters is much to be desired.

We are happy to learn from the report of the Grand Superintendent of the Quebec District, that the success and prosperity of "Stadacona" Chapter is unabated, and that its successful working is complete.

Your Committee regret much that the gentle reproofs recorded by their predecessors in last year's report has not had

the desired effect in drawing from the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts the cap-stone of their labors, we conceive where this is the case there may be no labors to report; we hope, otherwise, however, and trust the Grand Superintendents, non-reported this session will in future crown their labors with a report, so that subsequently any remonstrance such as the present may be deemed unnecessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DENIS GALE,
CHARLES D. MACDONNELL.

It was moved by E. Comp. H. Dumble, seconded by V. E. Comp. Arunah Huntington, and resolved—

That the foregoing report be received and adopted.

The special Committee to whom was referred the address of the M. E. Z., submitted the following

R E P O R T .

Your Committee have much pleasure in entertaining the hope, so happily expressed in the address of the Most Excellent Grand Z., that the present and first convocation of Grand Chapter in the renowned and historical city of Quebec, may result in the more firmly cementing of those friendly relations of amity and good-will which now so happily characterize each annual re-union of the members of the craft.

Your Committee feel that we have reason to be more than usually thankful to the Great I AM, for the numerous mercies bestowed upon us during the past year, and more especially for His exceeding goodness in sparing us for the privilege of assembling together on this the occasion of the seventh annual convocation of Grand Chapter.

It is with extreme pain and regret that your Committee have learnt that the Most Excellent Grand Z. has suffered, and still

suffers, from a severe attack of illness, induced chiefly by an excess of Masonic labor during the oppressive heat which prevailed during the past month, and which has rendered him unable to enter more fully into the various subjects of interest appertaining to Capitular Freemasonry, and which he had wished to submit to the consideration of Grand Chapter.

Your Committee sincerely trust that the Most Excellent Grand Z., will be speedily restored to his usual health and vigor, and that under the blessings of the All-Merciful Ruler of the universe, he may be long spared to continue his self-imposed labor of dispensing light and instruction to all his Brethren and Companions in the different orders of Freemasonry.

Your Committee heartily concur with the Grand Z. in the advisability of providing for a revision of the Constitution so as to render the Grand Chapter independent of the laws of Craft Masonry ; and for this purpose your Committee would respectfully recommend that the three Grand Principals be authorized and empowered to revise the Constitution, and that the Grand Superintendents of Districts do assist them by transmitting them such suggestions as the Chapters in their respective Districts may have to offer respecting the same, and that a draft of such revision be sent for consideration to each Subordinate Chapter, at least three months before the annual convocation of Grand Chapter in the ensuing year, and be then submitted with all other suggested amendments for final adoption.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that all the subordinate Chapters are working harmoniously and successfully ; and your Committee, in view of the peculiar circumstances of the case, recommend that Grand Chapter do confirm the Warrant issued free of charge, excepting the fee for registration of members, by the Grand 1st Principal, to "Mount Horeb" Chapter, at Montreal.

Your Committee are happy to learn that our relations with the Sister Bodies are of the most amicable nature, and that they continue to send us copies of their proceedings, and recommend the nomination of a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The letter from the Grand Chapter of Ireland, referred to in the address of the Grand Z., having been, by a resolution of Grand Chapter, referred to him for final action thereon, requires no further comment from your Committee.

Your Committee feel that under the existing restrictive law, it is impossible to avoid having recourse to the exercise of the dispensing power sanctioning the special elections of principals.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that the funds of the Grand Chapter are in such a condition as to have enabled the Grand Z., to pay that excellent and indefatigable officer, the Grand Scribe E., a portion of the arrears of salary due him.

It is with extreme pleasure that your Committee re-echo the sentiments of loyalty and attachment to our noble and illustrious widowed Queen, so ably and eloquently expressed in the address of the Grand Z., and the pride, and gratification which the auspicious event of the birth of a Prince in the Royal household of England, has diffused throughout the length and breadth of one of the greatest empires of the earth ; and the joy and gladness it has occasioned in the hearts of the members of the Craft in Canada, who with pride look up to the ancestors of the infant Prince as the bright luminaries of their order, and hope that he will in some future time, look upon the Royal Craft and people of this Province as among the most loyal of his subjects, and upon Canada as the brightest jewel in his Crown.

While Your Committee have to deplore the continuance of the disastrous and deadly civil strife which still exists across our border, yet it is with renewed assurance of the beneficent attributes of Masonry that they feel that its horrors may be mitigated by the diffusion of the benign and merciful precepts of the order ; and it is with a deep sense of gratitude to the Most High, that your Committee have to thank Him for his mercy in preserving to us the blessings of peace and plenty, and implore his divine mercy to allow us long to continue in our unchequered career of national prosperity ; and grant that our Order may grow and extend with the increase and prosperity of the country, and

that all our deliberations and proceedings may meet with His divine favor and approbation.

So mote it be.

R. POPE.

JAS. SEYMOUR.

CHARLES D. MACDONNELL.

It was moved by E. Comp. Denis Gale, seconded by E. Comp. H. Dumble, and resolved—

That the report of the Special Committee on the M. E. Z.'s address be received and adopted.

The M. E. Z. appointed the following Companions a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, viz.: R. E. Comp. James Seymour, Chairman, V. E. Comp. E. Goodman, and E. Comp. Wm. McGhie.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. R. Pope, and resolved—

That the Grand Scribe E. be hereby authorized to prepare certificates, in the form decided upon by the M. E. Z., for Companions hailing from other jurisdictions, who have had, or may have, conferred upon them, after affiliating with any subordinate Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, as also to any Brethren who may desire the same, on receiving said degrees in Chapters, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

On motion it was resolved—

That the Grand Council be a Committee to revise the Constitution, and that any proposed amendments thereto be printed and forwarded to all Chapters under this jurisdiction, at least three months before the next Annual Convocation.

The M.E.Z. was pleased to make the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz.:

V. E. Comp.	Alex. Duncan,	Grand 1st Ass't Sojourner.
" "	John V. Noel,	" 2nd " "
" "	Arunah Huntington,	" Sword Bearer.
" "	Wm. G. Parmelee,	" Standard Bearer.
" "	Wm. McGhie,	" Dir. of Ceremonies.
" "	Wm. M. Jamieson,	" Organist.
" "	Stanislaus Blondheim,	" Pursuivant.
" "	C. Joncas, Jun'r,	} Grand Stewards.
" "	John W. Murton,	
" "	John Dutton,	
" "	Angus Grant,	

The M. E. Z. proceeded with the installation and investiture of the elected and appointed officers present, who were proclaimed with the usual Masonic forms.

The M. E. Z. also directed that each Companion elected or appointed to office, not presenting himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the Chapter of which he is a member.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by R. E. Comp. Charles D. Macdonnell, and resolved—

That the usual fees be paid to the Grand Janitor for his attendance during this Convocation.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. James Seymour, seconded by V. E. Comp. Arunah Huntington, and resolved—

That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to the Companions of the "Stadacona" Chapter, for the attention extended to visiting Representatives, and also for the ample accommodation and arrangements made for holding its Annual Convocation.

The business of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in *Ample* form.

ATTEST.



Thos. B. Harris
G. S. C.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

YOUR COMMITTEE on Foreign Correspondence beg most respectfully to submit their review of the proceedings of Thirteen Grand Chapters, which have been placed in their hands by the Grand Scribe E., viz. :—

1. Scotland	1864	8. Missouri	1862
2. California	1863	“ “	1863
3. Indiana	1863	9. New Jersey	1863
4. Iowa	1863	10. New York	1863
5. Maine	1863	11. Rhode Island	1863
6. Maryland	1863	12. Vermont.....	1863
7. Massachusetts	1863	13. Wisconsin.....	1864

The Grand Chapters in fraternal correspondence with the Grand Chapter of Canada, whose proceedings have not been received, number twenty-five, as follows, viz.:—England, Ireland, Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. The Annual Convocations of several of these have in all likelihood not been held, owing to the lamentable fratricidal war still raging within their limits. But for the absence of reports from those not so afflicted, your Committee are at a loss to account, and miss them very much ; as it would have been a most pleasing duty to peruse their transactions, and cull from them such extracts as would instruct and cheer all engaged in the noble task of building up that moral edifice which is pre-eminently the mission of Royal Arch Masonry.

On examining the proceedings furnished them, your Committee are pleased to find a healthy tone prevalent throughout, and that the progress of the Royal Craft continues to be steady and enduring. In a few instances, however, war's devastating influence has operated disastrously to the successful working of Chapters in disturbed States ; but on the whole, evidence is not wanting that our United States Companions are alive to their duty in this respect, and will in due time, by closely adhering

to the exalted teachings of our Order, overcome these hindrances, which are but trials of their fidelity, to nerve them up to greater fervency and zeal. It is also cheering to observe an absence of that acrimonious spirit, in discussing their unfortunate troubles, which was at the outset so strongly apparent in some instances, and greatly to be deplored, as destructive of that Masonic charity and fraternal feeling which should always govern members of the same family in judging of each other's actions.

Without further digression, your Committee will at once report the result of their labors, which they have arranged in alphabetical order, except in the case of Scotland, which, being a mother Grand Chapter, is entitled to the first place.

SCOTLAND.

The proceedings of this Supreme Grand Chapter are from 31st March, 1863, to 31st March, 1864. They relate almost wholly to business affairs, and matters of local interest.

There are one hundred Chapters on the Roll; but of these twenty-nine are dormant, and the other six are in arrears and liable to be cancelled. Six new Chapters have been opened, three dormant ones revived, and a Provincial Grand Superintendent appointed for "Victoria," New South Wales.

A case of jurisprudence is reported, the heads of which it may be well to embody here. It appears that the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Bengal suspended all the Principals, Officers and Members of "Kilwinning-in-the-East" Chapter, No. 64, Calcutta, on the following charges: 1. "That they removed the place of meeting of the Chapter from the rooms formerly occupied, to a new one fitted up by the members, 'without the consent or order of the Grand Chapter of Scotland.' 2. For refusing to obey the orders of the Provincial Grand Superintendent to call a special meeting of emergency." The aggrieved Companions appealed against this suspension, when the matter was referred to a special Committee of the Supreme Grand Chapter for investigation. In their report, this Committee "view with great regret the step taken by the Provincial Grand Superintendent in the present case, as suspension is a sentence which should not

be lightly passed upon any one ; and even where it is deserved, time should be allowed to the party accused to endeavour to remove, if possible, the cause of offence. However, sentence of suspension has been pronounced, and the Committee have now to consider whether sufficient grounds existed, or indeed any grounds at all, to warrant this sentence." After reciting the cause which led to removing the place of meeting—viz., "the danger that the working of the degrees might be heard outside," and justifying the action of the Chapter—the Committee report that "the first charge being groundless, the second is equally so, because the special emergent meeting was called by the Provincial Grand Superintendent *at the rooms vacated*, to confer degrees without giving proper notice before balloting," in which case "the E. Z. was justified in declining to comply with the Provincial Grand Superintendent's order." The Committee thus close their very interesting and able report :—

"A Provincial Grand Superintendent may order a meeting of any Chapter in his province to be called at its ordinary place of meeting whenever he pleases ; but, most certainly, he has no power to order the First Principal of a subordinate Chapter to call a meeting within a few hours, at a place other than the ordinary place of meeting of the Chapter, and to admit candidates of his selection. An interference with the rights of a subordinate Chapter, such as the present, the Committee have never seen, and they think it right to report the matter to the Supreme Chapter, in order that it may be considered whether the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Bengal has not totally disqualified himself for holding such an office, and whether his commission should not, therefore, be cancelled."

This report was adopted, when the suspensions were reversed and the Provincial Grand Superintendent's appointment cancelled, because he refused to reconsider his decision when requested to do so by the Committee.

One of the Companions (E. W. Pritchard, M.D.) expelled for complicity in organizing a surreptitious General Grand Chapter, in opposition to the supreme body, has been reinstated ; and several who signed a "deed of demission," for the purpose of uniting with the malcontents, have applied for healing.

The representative from the Grand Chapter of Canada, (R. E. Comp. A. J. Stewart,) and R. E. Comp. Wm. Hay, of Toronto, representing Scotland in Canada, were present at the Annual Festival held to celebrate the Vernal Equinox.

The obituary list contains the names of several illustrious and eminent Companions, amongst whom we may name: His Grace the Duke of Atholl, K.T., Past Grand J.; the Most Noble the Marquis of Huntly, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Aberdeenshire; Major-Gen. T.R. Swinburne; J. H. E. Wemyss, M. P., P. H.; John Denchar, P. G. H. Addresses of condolence, couched in feeling terms, were presented to the relatives of each.

Most Excellent Companion J. Whyte Melville was re-elected G. Z., and Lindsay Mackersy, W. S., Grand Scribe E.

CALIFORNIA.

The Tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California was held at San Francisco on the 7th May, 1863, the M. E. Adolphus Hollub, Grand High Priest, presiding, and Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Secretary. In his annual address the Grand H. P. feelingly alludes, in the true spirit of Masonry, to the fratricidal strife now raging in the United States; but is cheered by the fact that the Holy Teachings of our Order have not been lost sight of in the fearful struggle. He also refers to official acts performed by him during the year; and announces in becoming terms the death of a distinguished Mason, the R. E. Comp. Samuel G. Risk, General Grand Secretary.

The report on Foreign Correspondence was presented by Comp. L. C. Owen. It contains a review of the proceedings of ten Grand Chapters, our own among the number. The correspondence between the Grand Chapter of England and that of Canada, on granting new charters in this Province, is given in full, and the Committee, in speaking of it, say:—

“The response of the Grand Z. of Canada, so completely demolishes the assumptions of the Mother Grand Chapter, and establishes the rights of his own, that we prefer to give it at length rather than summarise it.”

The finances of this Grand Chapter appear to be in a flourishing condition, the total receipts for the year being \$3,233, and the balance in the hands of the Treasurer \$587.

Thirty-two subordinate Chapters are reported, with a total membership of 1,147; average to each, 36.

The M. E. Ezra H. Van Decar, was elected Grand High Priest, and Lawrence C. Owen, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Indianapolis, May 20th, 1863. The M. E. G. H. P., George W. Porter, read a very interesting address, which embraced a variety of subjects, including the proceedings of twenty-one Grand Chapters—our own being one of them. His report on Foreign Correspondence is able and comprehensive. In referring to Canada he says, "I notice that some differences have hitherto existed between Canada and the Mother Country, upon the subject of granting charters; but this trouble, by the discreet exercise of the proper virtues of Masons, can and ought to be, and I trust will be ere long, if it has not already been, amicably adjusted to mutual satisfaction." He concludes his lengthy address with an earnest appeal against the policy of severing their connexion with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, a policy which is discussed with much force by several Grand Chapters. He says "there are some important interests and advantages connected with the preservation of the Supreme Grand Chapter, as it is, or ought to be, our Great Central Light, and its decisions should, or ought to furnish, uniform rules of work and action throughout the United States, and thus prevent the many inconveniences which are likely to result from the jarring and conflicting rules of different Grand Chapters having no common centre;" and he considers that this should be a sufficient reason for its continued existence.

There are forty-six subordinate Chapters in this State, with a membership of 1,474; average to each, 32.

Erastus W. H. Ellis was elected Grand High Priest, and Francis King, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The Ninth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held at Iowa City, on the 30th May, 1863, the M. E. G. K., L. S. Swafford, presiding as G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. William B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

A letter was read from the M. E. G. H. P., Caleb Lamb, explaining that "his absence was occasioned by having joined the army of his country, and commending the Chapter to the care of the Grand High Priest of the Universe."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report upon the proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters, our own not among the number. The report is well written, but possesses no points of peculiar importance to the craft in Canada. The Grand Secretary reports twenty-eight subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 560; average to each, 20.

M. E. Comp. W. E. Woodward, was elected Grand High Priest, and R. E. Comp. W. B. Langridge, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine assembled in Annual Convocation at the Masonic Hall, in Portland, on Monday, May 4th, 1863. Thirteen subordinate Chapters were represented. The M. E. G. H. P., in his address, which was a most able one, touched upon the influence the civil war had in some Masonic jurisdictions less fortunate than their own. He also alluded to a special Convention called on the 24th June, 1863, for the purpose of celebrating the 100th anniversary of the introduction of Masonry into Maine, and other topics of a local nature.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed the proceedings of fifteen Grand Chapters; our own, however, was not among the number. R. E. Comp. Cyril Pearl, still continues to act as Chairman of this Committee.

The thirteen Chapters in this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 789; average to each, 60.

M. E. Comp. John J. Bell, was elected Grand High Priest; R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter are dated 9th November, 1863. The M. E. G. H. P., Comp. J. N. McJilton, presided. In his opening address he says:—

“Prosperity in the Masonic family does not consist in the great increase of its members, nor in the wealth of its membership, but in the worthiness of character and usefulness of the co-laborers in the important work of building up a vast Moral Temple, the area of whose foundations extends over the globe, the elevation of which is to be wrought through time, and its duration commensurate with eternity. A single imperfect Ashlar detracts from the security and perfection of the edifice we are engaged in erecting, and once laid upon the walls, it cannot be removed, but must remain as an evidence of the weakness and indiscretion of the builders. Let it be the study and labor of the true and faithful craftsman to prevent such material from being placed among the well-trying, true and trusty Ashlars of our great Masonic Temple.”

He also states “that notwithstanding the confusion and uncertainty occasioned by the war, the Chapters are now working with an energy that indicates a speedy and prosperous issue.” He gives an account of visits to subordinate Chapters in his jurisdiction during the year, and closes his able and eloquent address by an earnest exhortation to the Companions ever to remember their responsibilities to the Great I AM, and their imperative duties to each other.

The report on Foreign Correspondence embraces the proceedings of twelve Grand Chapters. Canada does not appear amongst them, our last proceedings not being received in time.

There are ten Chapters under this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 601; average to each, 60.

M. E. Comp. John L. Yeates, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. Morris Smith, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter commenced September 8th, 1863, at the Masonic Hall, Boston; M. E. Comp. Solon Thornton, G. H. P., presiding, and Thos. Waterman, Grand Secretary.

No address was delivered by the G. H. P., but a minute detail of proceedings at a series of Convocations held during the year, is given in its stead. There is also an interesting record of the names of all Companions who have held Grand Offices since the establishment of this Grand body in 1798.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence review the proceedings of eleven Grand Chapters. The report is very elaborate, lengthy extracts being given from the proceedings of all the Chapters noticed. Canada is not included in the number.

There are twenty-four subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, and four under Dispensation, with a total membership of 2,135. The number of exaltations during the year was 289, or an average of 12 to each.

M. E. Comp. Solon Thornton, was re-elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. Thomas Waterman, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter, for the years 1863-64, possess much interest. Both Convocations were held in the City of St. Louis, the first on May 20, 1863, when twelve Chapters were represented, and the second on May 18, 1864, with the same subordinate representation. At the former, the M. E. G. H. P., (James Carr,) delivered a very business-like address, which, after reviewing his official acts during the year, he concludes by stating that "A few of the subordinate Chapters have been doing a very flourishing business in the way of exalting new members, but the majority, however, have been hard run to keep the necessary meetings to prevent a forfeiture of their Charters." We hope the leaven working amongst the *few* will infuse its revivifying influence into the *many*, whereby all the Chapters in the State will resume their wonted vitality.

The address of the succeeding M. E. G. H. P. (James N. Burnes,) read at the Convocation held in May last, while equally practical, contains some valuable strictures on irregularities prevailing within his jurisdiction, and deplores in merited terms the "almost unintelligible manner in which certain degrees are conferred," by which "they are frequently made to appear senseless and ridiculous." To remedy this evil, a well-skilled Grand Lecturer has been authorized to visit all subordinates, for the purpose of instruction and to insure uniformity in work.

A very interesting report on Foreign Correspondence, from the able pen of R. E. Comp. A. O'Sullivan, accompanies each year's proceedings, in which the deliberations of fifteen Grand Chapters are lucidly reviewed, those of our own Grand Chapter being amongst the number.

Twenty-eight Chapters appear on the roll of this State, possessing a total membership of 994; average to each, 36.

M. E. Comp. Jas. A. H. Lampton, St. Louis, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. A. O'Sullivan, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The Seventh Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Trenton, on the 9th day of September, 1863. Twelve Chapters, (being the entire number in the State,) possessing an aggregate membership of 445, were represented.

The address of the M. E. G. H. P. is admirably written, and imparts much valuable information on the condition of the Royal Craft within that jurisdiction. Having officially visited every subordinate Chapter in his State, the M. E. G. H. P. bears testimony to the excellence of the work done in each, and its close conformity to the standard ritual, "the acquirement of which has been accomplished by all the officers without the services of a Grand Lecturer." He also uses the following pertinent observations on apathy in the discharge of duty shown by too many Companions, and which may be profitably embodied in this Report: "A more frequent visitation among the Chapters would, I believe, tend to cement that unity of feeling so desirous, and

create an emulation, inspiring that fraternal regard and esteem which is the true stamp of masonry. With but few exceptions and it is a matter of regret that they are so few, the general presence of members is not so numerous as is consistent with the benefits to be derived from attending the regular convocations of Royal Arch Chapters. This may arise from causes beyond the control of companions, but I fear it is an evidence of that want of fervency and zeal evinced by many of the Craft, through a misconception of their duties, and from unproficiency in the art, from which latter cause they lose much of its esoteric beauties."

Another subject referred to in this excellent address is that of seeking Dispensations to confer Degrees in a manner at variance with the landmarks of the order. The case in question is thus stated, and your Committee cordially endorse the sound wisdom of the M. E. G. H. P., in refusing to authorize such an innovation:—

"Application was made to me, for a Dispensation to confer the Degrees; there being some informalities, I instituted inquiries, which elicited the facts that the petition of the candidate was not at that time before the Chapter, and that the purpose was to make him a Royal Arch Mason *at large*; also, that he had been previously rejected in that Chapter. I refused to grant the request, upon the ground of irregularity, and also because a Dispensation would have been an infraction of that inalienable right accorded to every Mason in the exercise of the ballot."

The report on Foreign Correspondence, is from the able pen of Companion Wm. H. Jefferys, and is so well written, that we regret his intention to retire from the position of chairman of the Committee. He pays a high compliment to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and cordially re-echoes the sentiment contained in the address of M. E. Comp. J. C. Franck, that "the sublime precepts of our ancient and honorable institution may form the means of an amicable settlement of their unnatural and unfortunate difficulties."

M. E. Comp. John Sheville, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. J. Woolverton, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The sixty-sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the Temple Hall, Albany, on the 3rd February, 1863, when eighty-three Chapters (out of one hundred and seventy-five on the roll) were represented, possessing an aggregate membership of 4,428; average to each, 26.

The address of M. E. Comp. G. H. Thacker, G. H. P., is an impressive and inspiring document, and in it he alludes most feelingly to the unhappy domestic troubles which afflict the republic, and tenders excellent advice to the Companions as to their duty as Royal Arch Masons. He also refers to the humanizing influence exerted by our Order on the battle-field, where "the captive and the wounded have, on both sides, experienced at the hands of opposing Brethren, acts of kindness and alleviations of suffering which have served materially to assuage and mollify the horrors of war. Not only so, but through fraternal intercession, many comrades in arms, not members of the Order, have received the same consideration and beneficent treatment, though they knew not the cause. * * * * *

Long after we have gone to our final home, our successors will point to these interesting facts as practical illustrations of the spirit and tenor of our teachings, and of the happy working of our Masonic system." He likewise suggests the publication of historic records from his Grand Chapter transactions, from 1798 to 1863, which will possess peculiar interest to the Craft at large, and which we are glad to observe has been approved, and a Committee authorised to superintend the printing. A decision is recorded, that "a Master Mason of five years' standing, who had lost his left arm by railroad accident, cannot be made a Royal Arch Mason." Also, that "a Companion suspended by vote of his Chapter for non-payment of dues, may be restored on paying arrears, without a fresh vote being required." This latter rule accords with the practice of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and we are glad to see New York adopt it.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence ably and impartially reviews the proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters—our own for the year 1862, included.

M. E. Comp. Darius A. Ogden, of Penn Yan., was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John O. Cole, Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Annual Convocation of the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island was held in the Masonic Hall, City of Providence, on Wednesday, March 11, 1863, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Five subordinate Chapters were represented, returning 530 members, and showing an average of 106 to each.

The M. E. G. H. P., in an interesting address, suggested the desirableness of a return of the "Old Work" and land-marks of Ancient Craft Masonry, by the abolition of the Chapter Degrees, and the restoration to the symbolic Lodges of all that originally belonged to them. He also stated his belief, "that gross fraud and imposition was successfully practiced by the Masonic innovators of the eighteenth century," and "that at some time during the last century there was a division of the Master's degree, and upon that division the innovators of those times built the Degree of the Royal Arch." The Rev. Dr. Oliver in an able paper treats of the same subject; but your Committee have grave doubts as to the possibility of making the change suggested by the M. E. G. H. P. of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, even if the change were desirable.

There was no report from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. Nathan H. Gould, was elected G. H. P., and E. Comp. Samuel B. Swan, of Providence, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State assembled at the Masonic Hall, in Bradford, on the first Wednesday of October, 1863. Eleven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The address of the G. H. P., M. E. Comp. Barzillai Davenport, which was well and feelingly written, contains nothing of particular interest to other jurisdictions.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reviewed the proceedings of eleven Grand Chapters—Canada not among the number.

There are thirteen Chapters in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 844 ; average to each, 55.

M. E. Comp. Gamaliel Washburn, of Montpelier, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. John B. Hollenbeck, of Burlington, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The fifteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand body was held in the City of Milwaukee, on the 3rd of February, 1864. Twenty Chapters were represented out of twenty-two in the jurisdiction, which shows an aggregate membership of 834 ; average to each, 34.

The G. H. P., M. E. Comp. A. B. Alden, delivered a very interesting address, in which he states that, "with but few exceptions the Royal Arch Craft of this jurisdiction are in a highly prosperous condition, notwithstanding the unsettled state of our affairs, which tend so directly to retard its advancement." The remainder of the address is devoted to matters of local interest and well-timed reflections on Masonic duty in the troublous times through which they are passing. Companions are earnestly enjoined "not to let political feelings and prejudices interfere with their fraternal relations, which should be sacredly adhered to,"—a sentiment your Committee heartily endorse, and commend to general consideration. Though written for the meridian of Wisconsin, it is not without force in other jurisdictions, and its reproduction can do no harm.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by Companion H. L. Palmer, is voluminous and well-written. The proceedings of fourteen Grand Chapters are reviewed, and appended thereto is a carefully prepared statistical table, showing that these Grand Bodies contained four hundred and eighty-seven subordinate Chapters ; have exalted 1888 candidates, and report an aggregate membership of 20,163. The Grand Chapter of Canada does not

appear amongst the number. Speaking of the omission, the writer says :—" We have not been gladdened this year by the appearance of the proceedings of our Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada." We regret the non-receipt of our proceedings, which were regularly forwarded by our Grand Scribe E., and can only attribute the failure of their arrival to some postal defect.

M. E. Comp. Melvin L. Youngs, was elected G. H. P., and R. E. Comp. W. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

In bringing their labors to a close, your Committee would crave the indulgence of this Grand Chapter for the imperfect manner in which the important research committed to them has been performed ; and at the same time beg to express their high sense of the valuable compilations prepared by the several Committees of sister Grand Chapters, the perusal of which has afforded them much information that they could not otherwise have obtained Always well digested and entertaining and with but rare exceptions written in a truly Masonic spirit, there is no portion of the proceedings that they rise from reading with more genuine satisfaction than the Foreign Correspondence.

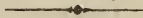
All which is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES SEYMOUR,
Chairman.

G. C. R. A. MASONS OF CANADA. }
QUEBEC, 9th August, A. I., 2394. }



SUSPENSIONS.
REPORTED DURING THE PAST YEAR.



No. 2.—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

Dwight Benedict.....	N. P. D.	John King.....	N. P. D.
William Tuton Thomas.....	"	Thomas Beasley.....	"
Wm. A. Harley	"	James Dunne,.....	"



No. 3.—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

Samuel Behrend,.....	N. P. D.	Charles S. Plumb.....	N. P. D.
William Johnston.....	"	Joseph Smelser.....	"
W. I. Kidd.....	"	Daniel Deforest	"



AT REST.



Companion JOHN AUSTIN,
" JOHN MORRISON,
THE HIRAM CHAPTER No. 2, HAMILTON.

Companion JAMES W. DINGWALL,
FEBRUARY, 1863.
St. JOHN'S CHAPTER No. 6, HAMILTON.

Companion EZRA B. RIDER,
GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, No. 9, STANSTEAD.

Companion HUGH WISE,
DORCHESTER CHAPTER, No. 17, WATERLOO.

Companion ANDREW WIER HENDERSON,
DECEMBER 9TH, 1863.
MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, No. 19, St. CATHARINES.

Companion JOHN WALKER,
APRIL 2ND, 1863.
KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, No. 8, TORONTO.

RETURNS

OF

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

RENDERED AUGUST, A.D. 1864.

No. 1.—ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAP., KINGSTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1797.

Stated Meetings—third Tuesday in Feb'ry, May, Aug't & Nov'r.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	Charles D. Macdonnell	Z
" " "	William B. Simpson	H
" " "	Alexander S. Kirkpatrick	J
" " "	George M. Wilkinson, Scribe	E
Number of Members		43.

No. 2.—THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1820.

Stated Meetings—first Monday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V.E. Comp.	James M. Rogerson,	Z
" " "	John S. Henderson,	H
" " "	Joseph J. Curran,	J
" " "	David Gillies, Scribe	E
Number of Members		56.

No. 4.—ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1847.

Stated Meetings—third Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	W. F. McMaster,	Z	} No Returns for 1864.
V. " "	James Jackson,	H	
" " "	John Paterson,	J	
" " "	James Bain, Scribe	N	
Number of Members		107.	

No. 5.—ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1854.

Stated Meetings—fourth Friday in Feb., May, August and Sept.

OFFICERS.

M.E. Comp.	Thompson Wilson	Z
" "	Alfred G. Smyth,	H
" "	John B. Smyth,	J
" "	T. F. McMullen,	Scribe E

Number of Members 31.

No. 6.—ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1855.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday of every Month.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	Thomas McCracken,	Z
V. " "	John W. Murton,	H
" "	Benj. E. Charlton,	J
" "	John Rennie,	Scribe E

Number of Members 55.

No. 7.—MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1856.

Stated Meetings—first Tuesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	L. H. Henderson,	Z
R. " "	Marcellus Crombie	H
" "	Alfred Ellis,	J
" "	Donald Moodie,	Scribe E

Number of Members 64.

No. 8.—KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1857.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	James Adams,	Z
" "	Samuel McConkey,	H
" "	Augustus T. Houel,	J
" "	George R. Hamilton,	Scribe E

Number of Members 53.

No. 9.—GOLDEN RULE CHAPTER, STANSTEAD .
ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1858.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday on or before full moon, in March, June, September and December.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	W. B. Colby,	Z
"	" L. R. Robinson,	H
"	" S. W. Taylor,	J
"	C. H. Kathan,	Scribe E

Number of Members..... 34.

No. 12.—CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.
ESTABLISHED, A.D. 1850.—AFFILIATED, A.D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Monday in February, May, August and November.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	Henry Dumble,	Z
V. " "	S. H. Blondheim,	H
" " "	John V. Noel,	J
"	John N. Glidden,	Scribe E

Number of Members..... 23.

No. 13.—STADACONA CHAPTER, QUEBEC.
ESTABLISHED, A.D. 1854.—AFFILIATED, 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Thursday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V.E. Comp.	Alexander Duncan,	Z	} No Returns for 1864.
"	" Thomas Lambert,	H	
"	" George Smith,	J	
"	— Budden,	Scribe E	

Number of Members..... 33.

No. 14.—BEDFORD DISTRICT CHAPTER, DUNHAM.
ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—Tuesday preceding full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	David Browne,	Z	} No Return since formation.
" "	Rev. Joseph Scott,	H	
" "	William M. Pattison,	J	
Number of Members.....			10.

No. 15.—WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Friday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V.E. Comp.	William M. Jamieson,	Z
“ “	Hugh Black,	H
“ “	T. Blair Pardee,	J
“	Thomas Forsyth, Scribe	E

Number of Members..... 29.

No. 16.—CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1859.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday in March, June, Sept. & Dec.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Isaac B. Taylor,	Z
“ “	W. B. Gallwey,	H
“ “	J. P. Featherston,	J
“	Fred. Marett, Scribe	E

Number of Members..... 61.

No. 17.—DORCHESTER CHAPTER, WATERLOO.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Thursday of every month.

OFFICERS.

R.E. Comp.	H. L. Robinson,	Z
“ “	George T. Morehouse,	H
V.E. “	W. G. Parmelee,	J
“	George H. Allen, Scribe	E

Number of Members..... 36.

No. 18.—OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.

ESTABLISHED—A.D. 1860.

Stated Meetings—first Friday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V.E. Comp.	George Forbes,	Z
“ “	John Turquand,	H
“ “	Jordan Charles,	J
“	Charles L. Beard, Scribe	E

Number of Members..... 30.

No. 19.—MOUNT MORIAH CHAP., ST. CATHARINES.
ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—Friday, on or after full moon of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	Charles P. Camp,	Z	
V. " "	Wm. McGhie,	H	
" "	Samuel G. Dolson,	J	
" "	Henry Carlise,	Scribe	E
Number of Members.....			51.

No. 20.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, BRANTFORD.
ESTABLISHED—A. D. 1861.

Stated Meetings—First Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Arunah Huntington,	Z	
" "	J. W. Lethbridge,	H	
" "	George Lauterback,	J	
" "	C. B. Nimmo,	Scribe	E
Number of Members.....			20.

No. 21.—CARNARVON CHAPTER, MONTREAL.
ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—third Thursday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

OFFICERS.

R. E. Comp.	Alex. A. Stevenson,	Z	
" "	Robt. A. Smith,	H	
" "	Alexander W. Ogilvie,	J	
" "	Arthur R. Sowdon,	Scribe	E
Number of Members.....			39.

No. 22.—GRENVILLE CHAPTER, PRESCOTT.
ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—first Wednesday in Jan., April, July and Oct.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Manuel Northrop,	Z	} No Returns for 1862, '63, and '64.
" "	Henry A. Sims,	H	
" "	William H. Brouse,	J	
" "	Angus Grant,	Scribe	
Number of Members			18.

No. 23.—EZRA CHAPTER, SIMCOE.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1861.

Stated Meetings—Second Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

E. Comp.	_____	Z	} No Returns.
" "	_____	H	
" "	_____	J	

Number of Members 23

No. 24.—TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD.

ESTABLISHED—A.D., 1863.

Stated Meetings—last Wednesday of every month.

OFFICERS.

V. E. Comp.	Charles Kahn,	Z
" " "	John Dutton,	H
" " "	Thos. Matheson,	J
" "	Henry Sewell, Scribe	E

Number of Members 26

No. 25.—MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, MONTREAL.

Stated Meetings—second Wednesday of every month.

R. E. Comp.	Thos. Milton,	Z
" "	Wm. N. Dow,	H
" "	Geo. Slack,	J
" "	Henry Henderson, Scribe	E

Number of members 25



LIST OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS,

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Scotland	L. Mackersy	Edinburgh.
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Connecticut	E. G. Storer	New Haven.
Florida	John B. Taylor	Tallahassee.
Georgia	B. B. Russell	Augusta.
Indiana	Francis King	Indianapolis.
Illinois	H. G. Reynolds	Springfield.
Iowa	W. B. Langridge ..	Muscatine.
Kentucky	P. Swigert	Frankfort.
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Mississippi	R. W. T. Daniel ..	Jackson.
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Oregon	T. McF. Patton	Salem.
Pennsylvania	Wm H. Adams	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island	Samuel B. Swan ..	Providence.
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Tennessee	C. A. Fuller	Nashville.
Texas	A. S. Ruthven	Galveston
Vermont	John B. Hollenbeck	Burlington.
Virginia	John Dove	Richmond.
Wisconsin	W. T. Palmer	Milwaukee.

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

1864-5.

M. E. Comp.	T. Douglas Harington,	Grand Z. }	
R. " "	A. A. Stevenson,	" H. }	Grand Council.
" " "	Charles D. Macdonnell,	" J. }	
" " "	Thomas Bird Harris,	"	Scribe E.
" " "	Denis Gale,	" " "	N.
" " "	Marcellus Crombie,	"	Principal Sojourner.
" " "	Thos. McCracken,	"	Treasurer.
" " "	Henry Dumble,	"	Registrar.
V. " "	Alexander Duncan,	"	First As't Sojourner.
" " "	Jonn V. Noel,	"	Second " "
" " "	Arunah Huntington,	"	Sword Bearer.
" " "	Wm. G. Parmelee,	"	Standard Bearer.
" " "	Wm. McGhie,	"	Dir. of Ceremonies.
" " "	Wm. M. Jamieson,	"	Organist.
" " "	Stanislaus H. Blondheim,	"	Grand Pursuivant.
" " "	Charles Joncas, Jnr	}	" Stewards.
" " "	John W. Murton,		
" " "	John Dutton,		
" " "	Angus Grant,		

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" " "	Thos. Milton.....	<i>Montreal</i>	"
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" " "	R. Pope.....	<i>Quebec</i>	"



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